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Sir:

In order to complete the above-identified application, applicant submits herewith, after the issuance of a Notice of Allowance but before payment of the issue fee, the following papers from PCT application US2004/041219 which corresponds to the above-identified application:

1. International Search Report
2. Written Opinion

The European Patent Office dispatched the two documents on May 4, 2005, and they were not received until May 10, 2005.

The Search Report cites three references, characterizing each as simply defining the general state of the art, but not otherwise being particularly pertinent as to the claims of the PCT application which correspond to the original claims of this application. Applicant cited two of the references in the Supplemental Information

Disclosure Statement that accompanied Amendment A. The third reference corresponds to U.S. patent 6,149,166 which was cited earlier.

Respectfully submitted,

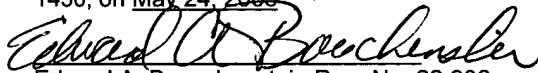
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